

State Missouri

Non-Emergency Transportation

Transportation includes expenses for transportation and other related travel expenses determined to be necessary by the agency to secure medical examinations and treatment for a recipient. Transportation as defined in this amendment will be claimed as an administrative cost.

1. Provision is made for necessary transportation of recipients to and from the suppliers of medical and remedial care and services through the cash grant. There is a basic standard of \$6.00 per month per assistance group for transportation cost for the purpose of shopping, attending church, and obtaining medical care. This monthly allowance is equivalent to 60 miles per month by automobile at \$.10 per mile. In many locations private organizations, such as churches, Red Cross, and other volunteers will provide transportation for the purpose of obtaining medical care.

For those individuals whose non-emergency transportation needs exceeds the cash grant amount or who do not have access to appropriate free transportation, Missouri assures transportation in one of the following ways:

- a. As a benefit under the 1915b Managed Care Waiver.
- b. Through interagency agreements with other state agencies/departments that provide non-emergency transportation to individuals, including Medicaid eligible individuals.
- c. Through cooperative agreements with public entities that currently provides NEMT services to individuals, including Medicaid eligible recipients.

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- d. To qualified NEMT providers. A provider of NEMT services may be either the actual provider of the transportation service or a governmental, social service agency, or other designated entity who arranges the transportation, reimburses the providers of the service (taxi, hotel, restaurant, gas vouchers, etc.) and bills Medicaid for the transportation services and, when appropriate, an administrative cost.

- NEMT services under "d" requires prior authorization by DMS or its agent, the Bureau of Special Health Care Needs. The least expensive method of transportation that meets the needs of the client will be approved. Services will be authorized under this provision only when not available through "a, b, or c", as listed above.

The cost of meals and lodging en route to and from medical care, and while receiving medical care; and if necessary the cost of the attendant's transportation, meals, and lodging will be provided when authorized.

2. Provision is made under State Law RSMo. 208.152 for emergency ambulance services when provided by a participating vendor. The following criteria are applicable to such services:

- a. Medically necessary, and;
- b. The medical circumstances are of an emergency nature, and;
- c. The recipient is transported to the nearest appropriate inpatient or outpatient Emergency Room hospital facility which is capable of providing the necessary care, or;
- d. The hospitalized recipient requires a medically necessary specialized testing which is only available at another location.

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Other resources such as may be available through local county office, Title XX funds, volunteers, private agencies, or other public agencies are also utilized for other modes of transportation as supplementary to the provision for emergency ambulance services.

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